

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, 20, and 21 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's assistance in evaluating the application during the telephonic interview occurring on December 2, 2008, as summarized in the Interview Summary mailed December 4, 2008.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding Claims 14, 20, and 21 allowable (Claim 20 is presumed to be allowable because there is no Section 112 rejection in this Office Action).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-13, 15-19, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0012327 ("Okada") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0009066 ("Shimizu") and U.S. Patent No. 6,621,810 ("Leung").

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Okada, Shimizu, and Leung fails to show or suggest "foreign link interfaces each having an encapsulating cache for storing binding information of the mobile node and a processor for encapsulating a packet addressed to the mobile node with a care-of address included in the binding information," as recited in Claim 1.

The "cache" of claim 1 is not a mere memory, as in Leung, cited for this feature, but is an encapsulating cache for storing binding information of a mobile terminal. Further, the "processor" of claim 1 is not a mere processor, as in Leung, cited for this feature, but a processor for encapsulating a packet addressed to a mobile terminal with a care-of address included in the binding information. Therefore, Leung fails to teach or suggest the cache and processor, as recited in Claim 1.

Consequently, for the aforementioned reasons, the proposed combination of Okada, Shimizu, and Leung cannot teach or suggest that “each processor transfers the encapsulated packet based on the binding information stored in each encapsulating cache from an output interface associated with the care-of address by the binding information, whereby the encapsulated packet is transferred through the foreign link interfaces, not through the home link interface,” as further recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Okada in view of Shimizu and Leung.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application to be not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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